

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH

ABSTRACT

Public Services – Prisons Department – Providing medical facilities to the inmates of Sub-Jails in the State –Enhancement of honorarium to visiting Medical Officers from Rs 350/- to Rs. 700/- per month – Orders – Issued.

HOME (PRISONS. A) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 111

Date:20-02-2009

Read the following:

1. G.O. Ms. No. 261, Home (Prisons. A) Department, dated 23-11-2004.
2. From the DG&IGP&CS., AP., Hyderabad, Letter No. EA3/1200/2004, dated 06-06-2007, 08-05-2008 and 01-11-2008.

ORDER:

The DG&IGP&CS., A.P., Hyderabad, in the reference 2nd read above, has reported that U/s 39 of the Prisons Act 1834, there shall be a hospital in every Prison and Section 37 of the said Act provides for appointment of Medical Officer in all the Jails. As per Rule 583 & 584 of A.P. Prisons Rules, 1979, it is mandatory on the part of Jail Officials to provide medical treatment to sick prisoners. In all most all Central & District Jails in the State, there are full-fledged hospitals with Medical Officers and there are no Medical Officer posts in Sub-Jails in the State.

2. Government have issued orders in the reference 1st read above entrusting the work of providing medical facilities to the inmates of all Sub-Jails in the State to the Medical Officers of concerned Primary Health Centers on payment of honorarium of Rs. 350/- per month prescribing one visit in every fifteen days to the Sub-Jails for treatment of Sub-Jail inmates. It is reported that there is no much response from the Medical Officers of the local Primary Health Centres to visit the local Sub-Jail on payment of Rs 350/- per month.

3. The DG&IGP&CS., AP., Hyderabad, in the reference 2nd read above, has reported that the National Human Rights Commission, New Delhi, is taking a very serious view of lack of medical facilities in Sub-Jails in the State and stressed the need for enhancement of honorarium to the visiting Medical Officers. He has informed that during the last three (3) years, (359) deaths of prisoners have occurred in various Jails in the State due to lack of medical facilities. The deaths in Sub-Jails are due to not providing timely treatment to the prisoners as the local Government Doctors are reluctant to visit the Sub-Jails as the honorarium paid to them is very meager. Any delay or failure to provide timely treatment resulting into the death of any prisoner confined in Sub-Jail attracts the attention of NHRC, SHRC, Courts, which would ultimately compel the Government to pay compensation to the next of kin of the deceased family and requested the Government to enhance the honorarium to the visiting Medical Officers.

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4. Government after careful examination of the matter hereby enhance the honorarium to the visiting Medical Officers of Government Medical Institutions/Community Health Centres/ Primary Health Centres, from Rs. 350/- to Rs. 700 per month. The Medical Officers of Government Hospitals which are nearer to the prisons, be they Primary Health Centers or Government Hospitals, shall visit the local Sub-Jails once in fortnight, to examine the inmates and provide necessary medical treatment to them. The respective District Sub-Jails Officers of the Districts are empowered to draw and disburse the monthly honorarium to the concerned Medical Officers.

5. The expenditure on payment of honorarium to the Medical Officers shall be debited to Head of Account "2056-Jails, MH-101-Jails- 04 jails – 280/284 – Other Payments".

6. The Health Medical & Family Welfare (B2) Department is requested to issue instructions to the Medical Officers of Government Medical Institutions/Community Health Centres/ Primary Health Centres, to visit local Sub-Jails in the State nearer to them once in a fortnight to provide medical treatment to prisoners.

7. The order issues with the concurrence of Health Medical & Family Welfare (B2) Department, vide their U.O. No. 10771/B2/08-1, dated 01-07-2008, and Finance (Exp. H&L) Department, vide their U.O. No. 36841/581-A/A2/08, dated 19-12-2008.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

AJOYENDRA PYAL
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

The Director General & Inspector General of Prisons and Correctional Services, A.P., Hyderabad.

Copy to:

The Health Medical & Family Welfare (B2) Department.

The Finance (Exp. H&L) Department.

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